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## A SURE SIGN OF GOOD TIMES

There is probably no enterprise quicker to respond to the rise or fall of business conditions than a newspaper. The columns of the leading newspaper of any city or community can be relied upon as a barometer of the commercial progress of that section.

For that reason, The Advertiser these days can be taken as a refutation of the claim of the few pessimists here that business in Honolulu is not good. Last Sunday nearly two weeks before Christmas, a time when the holiday advertising had not reached its fullest limit, this paper carried approximately 2300 inches, or 115 columns of advertising by merchants who have holiday goods to sell and are taking this means of reaching a public that is better able now than for the past few years to spend money for Christmas gifts.

The Sunday Advertiser went to its readers with one hundred and ninety-six columns of reading matter and advertisements. There were twenty-eight pages in all, with every department in the new field thoroughly covered and a majority of the leading business houses represented. From the first page to the last, in fact, The Advertiser daily teems with proof that Honolulu is prospering.

It is interesting to note the difference in the size of the paper issued last Sunday and the amount of advertising it carried and the issues of The Advertiser on the second Sunday preceding Christmas in 1912 and 1913. The Advertiser in 1912 was printed in six-column form, with a total of 144 columns or twenty-four pages in the issue of the second Sunday preceding Christmas. Despite this the total number of inches of advertising carried reached 2000 inches or one hundred columns. It will be remembered that at the time that the downward trend in stocks had not started in earnest and hope was expressed that the tariff on sugar would be retained. All lines of industry were being operated and the business depression had not started.

During 1913, however, the damage had been done the sugar industry by the Democratic administration, stock prices tumbled, dividends were suspended, laborers were discharged, skilled mechanics found themselves out of work and when the holiday season approached the people had less than the usual money to spend. The newspapers, as usual, were first to suffer and The Advertiser on the second Sunday preceding Christmas, came out with 185 columns of advertising and reading matter, though the total advertising reached only 1700 inches, or eighty-five columns. This was fifteen columns, or 300 inches, less than the previous year.

Nothing could better illustrate the depressed condition of business twelve months ago.

But this year the change for the better has come, despite the hostility of the Democratic administration to the sugar industry. A shortage in the world's sugar supply, conditions resulting from the unfortunate war in Europe, has given the sugar producers of Hawaii a market for their product at a price that will afford a margin of profit. Business has responded, the merchants as well as the buying public are reaping the benefits of the resultant prosperity, and, as usual, the columns of the community's leading newspaper show the beneficial result, with 196 columns of reading matter and advertising last Sunday morning, of which approximately 2300 inches or 115 columns are made up of the attractive advertising of live merchants.

This is a gain of fourteen columns of reading matter and advertising and more than two hundred inches in advertising over this time two years ago.

## A QUESTION OF RESPECT

"North America and South America have more respect than Europe." So writes a Honolulu Japanese boy of the sixth grade in answer to an examination question. Maybe the boy is right. It is rather difficult to say off-hand just what his reply means, but then it is just as simple to figure out his meaning as to guess what is meant by the question propounded to him.

"What position does Europe occupy with respect to North and South America?" That is what the board of education, or whoever it is who makes out the lists of examination questions, wanted to know. Just whether this means, commercially, geographically, or something else is anybody's guess.

If it comes down to a matter of actual respect for North and South America, the attitude of Europe just now is somewhat anomalous. When it comes to having a place to purchase war material and food supplies, and a place to mould public sympathy in the present war, Europe seems to have much respect for North and South America.

When it comes to observing the neutrality laws of the American countries, Europe doesn't seem to have quite so much respect for North and South America, as witness the Pan-American appeal for a neutral zone around the continents, and Colonel Goethals' request for warships to compel the belligerents to refrain from disturbing the atmosphere in his three-mile limit with their Marconi waves.

North and South America are not fighting any battles uncomfortably close to any European coast, nor are they violating anybody's neutrality laws, so it must be admitted that the Japanese student had much truth on his side when he said that "North and South America have more respect than Europe." If that is not what the board of education wanted to find out, possibly some member of the board will elucidate.

## ARE WE TO GET A SURPRISE

It is to be hoped that the new mayor and supervisors will give a majority of their friends a surprise after they take office, because it does not require much investigation to ascertain the fact that a very large proportion of those who supported Lane and the Republican candidates for the board are disappointed over the "spoils policy" announced by the ones elected and are looking forward with anything but pleasure to the putting into force of much that has been announced as the plans of the new city government.

It may be that Mayor Lane and his colleagues are going to give the city this agreeable surprise and are going to measure up to the best that had been hoped from them.

Such would be easy enough to accomplish. All they have to do is to take the business men of the city into their full confidence, make it plain that they regard their task as a trust in which they desire the cooperating help of the unofficial representatives of the principal taxpayers and demonstrate that they are not considering every question of policy and patronage in the light of what we in Honolulu are pleased to dignify with the name of politics.

## FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF WAR

In what will be generally recognized as an impartial summing up of the general situation at the end of the first four months of the war, the New York Tribune's military writer says:

"The fourth month of the European war ends today. It ends without a decisive success to the credit of either group of belligerents. Yet that lack of decisive success must be regarded as the great outstanding feature of the war so far—the factor of most importance in forecasting its future developments.

"On the whole the war has run pretty true to rational calculations. It has furnished no stunning surprises—no great military collapses like Sedan or Sadowa. It has upset many traditions of tactics and strategy. Yet the situation after four months of fighting is not very different from what an intelligent and unbiased critic would have expected it to be.

"Germany was entitled to reap at the outset the benefits of her complete preparedness. The first month of the war was therefore a brilliant record of German victories. The Kaiser was enabled to mass seven big armies on the western front and to beat down all opposition. The French could not hold the Verdun-Belfort line of forts and at the same time go to the aid of the Belgians. General Joffre had to allow the Germans to overrun Belgium and a large section of Northeastern France before he was able to turn on them at the Marne and smash their plans for the isolation and investment of Paris.

"The German campaign in the west reached its climax early in September. Since then it has waned, in spite of the lavish employment of vast masses of new troops in reckless assaults on the fortified lines of the Allies. The Allies have gradually recovered a large portion of Northeastern France, left bare at the time of the German dash toward Paris. Their forces stretch to the sea through Flanders, and on the northern front, after a month's bloody fighting, the Germans have practically abandoned their efforts to break through to Dunkirk and Calais.

"Germany holds nearly all of Belgium and a considerable slice of territory in Northeastern France. That represents the fruit of her first victorious offensive. It is something, but few Germans will contend that it satisfies the high hopes or even the careful calculations with which Germany began the war.

"On the eastern front the fighting of the last four months has emphasized the new-born efficiency of the Russian armies. Russian strategy has been keen and the forward push of the Czar's forces has been well sustained. Each slight recoil has been succeeded by a further advance. The Russians have now practically cleared Galicia from east to west. At Cracow they are now nearly two hundred miles further west than they were when they drove the Austrians out of Lemberg. If Cracow falls they will have reached their first important objective. A German retreat from Western Poland, leaving the way to Cracow clear on all sides, would mean the severing of direct connection between the German and the Austro-Hungarian armies. That break would widen as the Austro-Hungarians fell back beyond the Carpathians and the Germans retired in Breslau and Posen. It would end disastrously for the Teutonic allies the first phase of the war in the eastern theatre.

"On both fronts, therefore, the German outlook is getting less and less hopeful. Russian efficiency has compelled a diversion of forces to the east which has broken the power of the German offensive in the west. That is the most disagreeable surprise of the war, so far as Germany is concerned. The next most disagreeable surprise has been the staying power of the French. France, with the aid of her gallant British allies, has made a defence which has excited admiration even from German critics.

"That splendid defence has more than restored the natural equilibrium of forces. For the Allies the crisis is past. In the stages of the war still to come they will have ample opportunity to call into play that superiority in resources on which in the long run victory must depend."

## FOR THE AUTO OWNERS TO DECIDE

If there is to be a creditable floral parade as a main event in the February carnival it can only come about through the active participation of the automobile owners of the city, and the question of holding the parade has very properly been "put up" to the automobilists. We cannot have the parade without their cooperation; he question is, are we going to get it?

Owners of automobiles are in a position of being able to do more than the average citizen towards making the Mid-Pacific Carnival the success it has always been. Are they going to do that more? The question is now before them for an answer.

If they feel that they are able and express themselves as willing, by all means go ahead with the plan for making this the main event of the carnival program. If they do not feel able or do not feel willing, then let them say so quickly, so that other plans may be made. Those in charge of the program preparations are busy men, contributing their time and energy, and it should not be at all incumbent upon them to have to beg favors from anyone. In the past it has been a matter of stress and difficulty to induce automobile owners to decorate and enter their cars in the parade. This should not be the case this year.

The Advertiser does not propose to urge anyone to do his or her share towards making the carnival a success. Urging should not be necessary. If those who can help do help, the affair will be a greater success than ever. If those who can make it a success do not care to, by all means let them stand aside and let us see who they are.

## THE FEELING IN ENGLAND

"A wave of intense indignation has swept throughout the country," says the Associated Press reports from London regarding the bombardment of three unfortified and unwarned seaside towns on the North Sea coast of England, while another report states that the receipt of the news of the bombardment has "greatly stimulated enlistments."

In view of the general criticism that has been heard of the failure of the average young Britisher to respond to the call of "King and Country" and the fact that parliament has seriously considered the passage of legislation to "cut out the football cancer," meaning thereby to forbid the playing out of the professional and semi-professional soccer leagues schedules, it is possibly a very good thing for England that the German cruisers were able to slip through the fog to the Yorkshire coast and land a few shells upon the English towns.

Killing women and children and a few defenseless men is Twentieth Century war, and England now knows it. If the deaths of these English women and children do not add a million fighting men to the British army, Englishmen have dropped far below the level of their fathers.

If President Wilson is really coming in April the time is none too long for the local Democratic leagues to prepare their welcome. We suggest a rush cable for Soapbox Barron—the one really personal friend of the President—and the immediate mobilization of Banana Jack, Clarence Pringle and the Honorable Supervisor Wolter as a reception committee. Let us give the President a real Honolulu Democratic welcome.

## ROAD BUILDING TO BE FEATURE OF LANE'S TERM

Mayor-Elect and New Supervisors Postpone Again Proposed Caucus Over Policies

While the supervisors elect did not convene last evening as planned, due to the inability of Daniel Logan to be present, several of their policies to be put in force when they are inducted into office were settled on yesterday, it was said.

The discussion they listened to Wednesday at the monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce, when efficiency in the municipal government was urged by all the speakers, helped in crystallizing several of these soon-to-be-enforced policies.

"I will tell you this," said a supervisor-elect last evening, "we are getting ready to launch an economic administration. It will be a road-building administration, with all possible revenue to give this island thoroughfares which it will be proud of."

**Promotion Appropriation**  
"I do not believe we will overlook the promotion committee, if it shows us it will put the money to good use."

"We have had a caucus on this matter, not the anything concerning the budget yet. Several of the supervisors have expressed their opinion on it, however, and one of these opinions was that we should condition our appropriation on the ability of the committee to get similar ones for the other counties."

This supervising said that so far as he knew, Maui was the only county besides Oahu that contributed to the fund of the committee.

"All the counties benefit, or should benefit, from the work of the promotion committee, and therefore they should all contribute to the cause," he said.

"We intend to carry the 'spoils policy' this far: We will put efficient Republicans in office. We will not make a change until we have an efficient man for the place, but the truth of it is we have practically all the men picked out for the different jobs."

**Where Patronage Will Go**  
"L. M. Whitehouse will be put back as city engineer, and John Wise will be given the superintendency of parks, or at least of Kapiolani Park. He wants a separate department created for parks, with him at the head."

"Edward Woodward will be the mayor's secretary, and Carl A. Wide-mann will be given Robert Cathcart's place as chief clerk."

"Harry Murray will be taken care of through the creation of a sewer and water works department. He is well equipped to handle the position, and we expect he will put both systems on a paying basis within the year."

"The county committee will not interfere. The members say they want to give us a free hand, and that is what we want. We feel we will make good with a free hand."

## TURKS SENTENCE GREEK ATTACHE TO BE SHOT

LONDON, December 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A Reuters' dispatch from Athens last night says that a Greek naval attaché at the Greek embassy at Constantinople has been tried at court-martial by the Turks and sentenced to be shot.

He was charged with being a spy. General von der Goltz has been appointed military governor of Constantinople.

## FIVE YEARS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE NAVY FIT

WASHINGTON, December 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Rear-Admiral Fluke, who appeared before the house naval committee yesterday, said that it would take five years to put the navy in the highest state of efficiency to meet an enemy.

## MASKED BANDITS GET DIAMONDS WORTH \$4000

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, December 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Masked bandits raided a jewelry shop here yesterday, escaping with four thousand dollars' worth of diamonds. The jeweler tried to defend his possessions and carried on a revolver duel with the bandits, without hitting any of them.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Harbor Improvement Appropriation Bill, reported to the house yesterday, carries an item of \$10,000 for the carrying forward of the work in Kahului, Maui, harbor.

LONG BEACH, California, December 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A severe southeast storm has wrecked six houses here and made breaches in the concrete promenade. Several schooners have been swamped and much damage done to factories and other buildings.

## PARIS AND ROY RANCH IS SOLD

L. L. McCandless and Ailka C. Dowsett Buy Vast Acreage—Deal Closed Yesterday

Harold B. Giffard yesterday consummated the sale of the Paris and Roy ranch in South Kona, Hawaii, to L. L. McCandless and Ailka C. Dowsett, after negotiations which have extended over a period of several months. The purchase price agreed upon is \$25,000.

The property includes about 20,000 acres of land, all lying within the limits of the government road and covering parts of the lands of Kailiki, Hoolehou, Keala I, Kilauea, Keolu, Hanalei, Keolu I and Keolu II; also about 1000 acres of fee simple land comprising Keala II.

The leaseholds are mostly lands being at an elevation of from 2000 to 4000 feet and extending above the forest. Besides the land the sale covers the delivery of 1800 head of cattle.

The parties to the sale have agreed to hold a drive at an early date, at which time John D. Paris, Jr., will represent the seller and Ailka C. Dowsett the purchaser.

The sale of this ranch, was made in settlement of the widow's interest in the estate of the late William Roy, who was in partnership with his brother-in-law, John D. Paris. It does not comprise any part of the ranch property owned solely by the latter.

It is understood that Mr. Dowsett is to undertake the active management of the property. The business will be continued along the present lines.

## AUTO BANK ROBBER IS SHOT TO DEATH

CINCINNATI, December 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Frank Holt, an automobile bandit, made a daring attempt yesterday to rob two of the city banks.

He was successful in his first venture, holding up the bank employees and escaping with thirteen thousand dollars in gold and notes.

In the second bank he entered he became involved in a duel with the bank policeman, receiving wounds from which he died. The policeman was also shot and will probably die.

When Holt's body was searched it was found that he had managed to turn over the loot from the first bank to confederates.

His wife was placed under arrest last night, but a search of her apartments failed to uncover the thirteen thousand booty.

## COLONEL GOETHALS SAILS FOR GOTHAM

COLON, Panama, December 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Colonel Goethals has sailed for New York, to appear before the congressional committee at Washington in charge of the canal appropriation bills. It is estimated that it will require the expenditure of \$19,000,000 more for the completion of all the necessary work in the Zone. The important items wanted are drydocks, machine shops and coal wharves.

## WARSHIPS AT ZONE

WASHINGTON, December 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The need of United States war vessels at the Canal Zone has been explained in a message from Colonel Goethals. He says that there have been no violations of neutrality except in the use of wireless by belligerents. He adds that he has been unable to detect or warn offenders without a patrol, and it is for patrol purposes he wished the destroyers sent by the navy department.

## WHEN LIONS ESCAPE CROWD IS STAMPEDED

NEW YORK, December 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Scarcely a crowd of people into a stampede and in many cases into wild hysterics, five lions escaped today from their cages in the Eighty-sixth street theater, where they were the chief figures in a big animal act. The pit was filled with people, and their fright caused serious results.

One of the lions escaped into the street and was killed in a tenement house after bursting through a photograph gallery, knocking down the proprietor and a patron who was having a picture taken, and severely injuring two policemen. In the excitement one policeman was shot and will probably die.

The remainder of the beasts were cornered and driven back to their cages. Dozens of women fainted in the wild scramble and hundreds of people were trampled in the stampede.

## WHOOPIING COUGH

When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all dealers, Benson Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

## CONVICTS RECEIVE SURE TREATMENT

Inquisitorial Body Thinks Felons Are Treated Justly Under Parole System

"Your committee feels that all prisoners sentenced under the indeterminate sentence law are now being justly dealt with under the present system of parole. We feel, however, that the system should be changed in such a manner that any prisoner who is entitled to parole may make application to the board of prison inspectors, and upon their recommendation the Governor to act in accordance therewith. This is the view taken by the special committee of the territorial grand jury on the subject of the indeterminate sentence law passed by the legislature in 1909 and known as Act 43, according to a report made by the committee to the jury and by the latter submitted yesterday to Judge Ashford. The question was referred to the grand jury by Judge Ashford some time ago, following his decision that the law was unconstitutional.

**Would Change Procedure**  
In line with his decision, Judge Ashford has refused to sentence any one convicted in his court except for a specific term of imprisonment. Under the law, recommendations for parole are made and submitted to the Governor by the warden of Oahu prison and the attorney general, but as the grand jury committee recommends the applications would go to the Governor direct from the prisoner.

The report contains a list of fourteen cases wherein the prisoners have completed the minimum term imposed upon them, but are still in jail. The committee points out six individual cases in which the prisoners, the committee believes, are very properly being kept in prison, notwithstanding the fact that they have completed their minimum terms. The inference is obvious, therefore, that the other eight should have been paroled by this time, although the committee does not openly say so.

**Report of the Committee**  
The report, which is signed by F. E. Richardson, J. H. Hertzsch and Charles S. Deaky, is as follows:

"J. A. Gilman, Foreman of the Territorial Grand Jury.—Your committee, appointed to investigate the indeterminate sentences of prisoners now confined in Oahu jail, beg to state that they had a meeting with the secretary of the board of prison inspectors, also visited the jail and consulted with the high sheriff, upon investigating these cases beg to report as follows:

"Ivan Gutkin.—Criminal assault. This was almost a case of rape, and the sentence of fifteen months to five years was too light a sentence.

"Araki Yasuma.—Larceny, first degree. Escaped from the prison twice and a bad case.

"Selfouff.—Burglary, first degree. A bad case, and not to be paroled at the present.

"John F. Bates.—Burglary, first degree. Has a bad record and been confined in dark cell for fighting.

"Yea Kwung Soo.—Passing, etc., forged checks, three charges. Confined in dark cell twice.

"Yasugi Nagano.—Assault with intent to commit murder. Confined in dark cell; record had been so bad that he could not recommend for parole at this time.

**Ivan Got Off Light**  
"We inclose you a list of prisoners whose maximum sentences, with good time allowance, has expired as of August 3, 1914, and particularly call your attention to Ivan Gutkin, sexual intercourse with a female child under fourteen years.

"Your committee is satisfied that this was almost a case of rape, and the minimum sentence of fifteen months too light and the prisoner not entitled to parole.

"Your committee feels that all prisoners sentenced under the indeterminate sentence law are now being justly dealt with under the present system of parole. We feel, however, that the system should be changed in such a manner that any prisoner who is entitled to parole may make application to the board of prison inspectors and upon their recommendations the Governor to act in accordance therewith."

## Ancient Story Before Jury

The ancient story of the alleged conspiracy to "get" McCann was taken up by the grand jury yesterday, but no conclusion reached. The jury adjourned, subject to the call of the foreman. It is not likely that that body will meet again this week, but it will do so next week. Among the witnesses known to have been before the jury yesterday were J. Walter Doyle, Joseph A. Doyle, J. McCann and a Mrs. Kennedy. A man named Dissler, who is said to be something about the alleged conspiracy, is not now in the Territory, and another man, somewhat connected with the story, Nathan F. Hammer, was reported yesterday to be in Hilo.

The case was brought to the attention of the grand jury some months ago by Judge Ashford. As no report was made by that body, the judge again recently mentioned the affair to the jury, and Joseph A. Gilman, foreman, reported to the court at the time that the man Dissler, supposed to be the main witness, had left the Territory and that the city attorney's office had practically decided that it would be useless to attempt to do anything further with the case.

## Was Plant Laid for McCann?

The story, as it was brought out in Judge Whitney's court during the trial of J. McCann on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, was in the main, that the district attorney had been telephoned one night to come into town and told that if he would go to the rear of a certain city theater he would catch a couple in the act of violating one of the statutory laws of the United States. It was inferred, claimed the district attorney and others, that all this was for the purpose of getting McCann alone in an out-of-the-way place and to do him bodily harm or perhaps murder him.